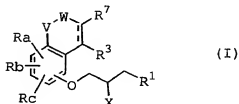


# WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A phenoxypropylamine compound of the formula (I)



wherein each symbol in the formula means as follows:

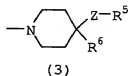
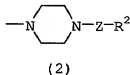
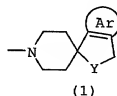
5 a bond represented by a solid line and a dotted line shows a double bond or a single bond;

X is a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy group, an acyloxy group or an oxo group;

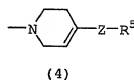
provided that when R<sup>1</sup> is a group of the following formula (2),

10 X should not be a hydrogen atom;

R<sup>1</sup> is a group of the following formula



or



wherein

Y is O or S,

15 Ar is optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon,

R<sup>2</sup> is optionally substituted aryl group or optionally substituted aromatic heterocyclic group,

R<sup>5</sup> is optionally substituted aryl group or optionally substituted aromatic heterocyclic group,

20 Z is void or -CH<sub>2</sub>-, and

R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen atom, hydroxy group, acetamido group, carboxyl group, alkoxycarbonyl group, cyano group or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy group;

R<sup>3</sup> is a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl group or a halogen atom;

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V is  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ,  $-\text{O}-$ ,  $-\text{S}-$  or the formula  $-\text{N}(\text{R}^4)-$  wherein  $\text{R}^4$  is hydrogen atom,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$  alkyl group or optionally substituted aralkyl group;

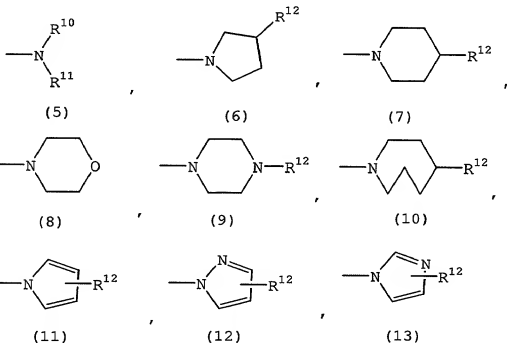
W is void or  $-\text{CH}_2-$  or  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})-$ ;

5  $\text{R}^7$  is a  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  hydroxyalkyl group, an acyl group, an optionally substituted saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted fused heterocyclic group, a  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkylsulfonyl group or the formula  $-\text{Q}-\text{R}^9$

10 wherein

Q is  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})-$ ,  $-\text{C}(=\text{S})-$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2-$  or  $-\text{S}(=\text{O})_2-$ , and

$\text{R}^9$  is a group of the following formula



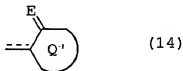
or  $-\text{NH}-\text{NH}-\text{R}^{15}$

15 wherein  $\text{R}^{10}$  and  $\text{R}^{11}$  are each independently hydrogen atom,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$  alkyl group, optionally substituted aryl group, optionally substituted aralkyl group or alkoxy group,  $\text{R}^{12}$  is hydrogen atom, optionally substituted aryl group,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$  alkyl group,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  alkoxy group or acyl group, and  $\text{R}^{15}$  is hydrogen atom, phenyl group,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkyl group,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2$  halogenated alkyl group, halogen atom,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4$

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alkenyl group, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> hydroxyalkyl group,  
alkoxyalkyl group, alkyloxycarbonyl group,  
optionally substituted amino group, acetamido  
group, carboxyl group, acyl group, optionally  
5 substituted alkyloxy group, alkylthio group or  
cyano group;  
provided that when R<sup>1</sup> is a group of the above  
formula (2), R<sup>7</sup> should not be C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> hydroxyalkyl  
group or acyl group, and R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> are not each  
10 hydrogen atom at the same time; or

R<sup>7</sup> and W in combination may form a ring of the following  
formula



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wherein

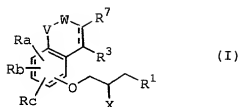
15 E is oxygen atom or sulfur atom, and  
Q' is an optionally substituted 4 to 7-membered  
heterocycle having 1 or 2 hetero atom(s) selected  
from the group consisting of nitrogen atom and  
oxygen atom in the ring, in which case V is  
20 hydrogen atom; and

Ra, Rb and Rc are each independently a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>  
alkyl group, a hydroxy group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy group,  
a halogen atom, an acyl group, a nitro group or an  
amino group;

25 provided that when R<sup>7</sup> and W are bonded to form a ring of the  
above formula (14), Ra, Rb and Rc are not each hydroxy group or  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy group;  
an optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically  
acceptable salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

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2. The compound of claim 1, which is represented by the formula  
(I)

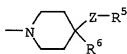
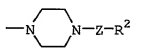
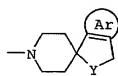


wherein each symbol in the formula means as follows:

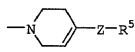
a bond represented by a solid line and a dotted line shows a double bond;

X is a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy group, an acyloxy group or an oxo group;

R<sup>1</sup> is a group of the following formula



or



wherein

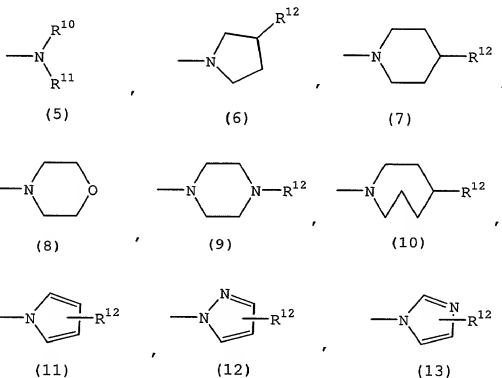
- Y is O or S,
- Ar is optionally substituted benzene or naphthalene,
- R<sup>2</sup> is optionally substituted aryl group or optionally substituted aromatic heterocyclic group,
- R<sup>5</sup> is optionally substituted aryl group or optionally substituted aromatic heterocyclic group,
- Z is void or -CH<sub>2</sub>-, and
- R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen atom, hydroxy group, acetamido group, carboxyl group, alkoxycarbonyl group, cyano group or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy group;
- R<sup>3</sup> is a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl group or a halogen atom;
- V is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -S- or the formula -N(R<sup>4</sup>)- wherein R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen atom, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl group or optionally substituted aralkyl group;
- W is void or -CH<sub>2</sub>- or -C(=O)-;

R<sup>7</sup> is a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> hydroxyalkyl group, an acyl group,  
 an optionally substituted saturated or unsaturated  
 heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted fused  
 heterocyclic group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylsulfonyl group or the  
 formula -Q-R<sup>9</sup>

wherein

Q is -C(=O)-, -C(=S)-, -CH<sub>2</sub>- or -S(=O)<sub>2</sub>-, and

R<sup>9</sup> is a group of the following formula



or -NH-NH-R<sup>15</sup>

wherein R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> are each independently hydrogen  
 atom, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl group, optionally substituted  
 aryl group, optionally substituted aralkyl group  
 or alkoxy group, R<sup>12</sup> is hydrogen atom, optionally  
 substituted aryl group, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl group, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>  
 alkoxy group or acyl group, and R<sup>15</sup> is hydrogen  
 atom, phenyl group, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>  
 halogenated alkyl group, halogen atom, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>  
 alkenyl group, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> hydroxyalkyl group,  
 alkoxyalkyl group, alkoxycarbonyl group,  
 optionally substituted amino group, acetamido

group, carboxyl group, acyl group, optionally substituted alkyloxy group, alkylthio group or cyano group; and

Ra, Rb and Rc are each independently a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl group, a hydroxy group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy group, a halogen atom, an acyl group, a nitro group or an amino group;

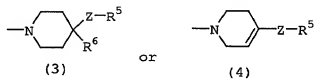
provided that when R<sup>1</sup> is a group of the above formula (2), R<sup>7</sup> should not be C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> hydroxyalkyl group or acyl group, and R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> are not each hydrogen atom at the same time; an optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

3. The compound of claim 2, which is represented by the formula (I) wherein each symbol in the formula means as follows:

a bond represented by a solid line and a dotted line shows a double bond;

X is a hydroxy group;

R<sup>1</sup> is a group of the following formula



wherein

R<sup>5</sup> is optionally substituted phenyl group or naphthyl group,

Z is void, and

R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen atom;

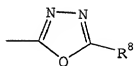
R<sup>3</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group;

V is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -S- or -N(R<sup>4</sup>)-

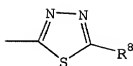
wherein R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen atom, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group or optionally substituted aralkyl group;

W is void;

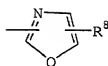
R<sup>7</sup> is a group of the following formula



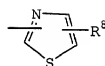
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or the formula  $-\text{CO}-\text{R}^9$

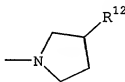
wherein

$\text{R}^8$  is hydrogen atom, phenyl group,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkyl group,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2$  halogenated alkyl group, halogen atom,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4$  alkenyl group,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  hydroxyalkyl group, alkoxyalkyl group, alkyloxycarbonyl group, optionally substituted amino group, acetamido group, carboxyl group, acyl group, optionally substituted alkyloxy group, alkylthio group or cyano group, and

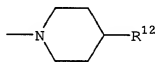
$\text{R}^9$  is a group of the following formula



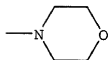
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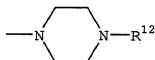
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or



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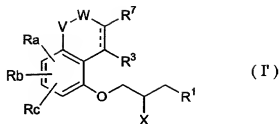
wherein  $\text{R}^{10}$  and  $\text{R}^{11}$  are each independently hydrogen atom,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$  alkyl group, optionally substituted aryl group, optionally substituted aralkyl group or alkoxy group, and  $\text{R}^{12}$  is hydrogen atom, optionally substituted aryl group,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$  alkyl group,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  alkoxy group or acyl group; and

$\text{Ra}$ ,  $\text{Rb}$  and  $\text{Rc}$  are each a hydrogen atom;

an optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

4. The compound of claim 2 or claim 3, which is represented by

the formula (I')



wherein each symbol is as in claim 2,

an optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically

5 acceptable salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

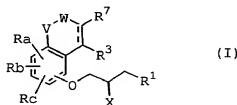
5. The compound of claim 2, which is selected from the group consisting of

- (1) 1-(4-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-propyloxy)benzo(b)furan-2-ylcarbonyl)pyrrolidine,
- (2) 4-(4-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-propyloxy)benzo(b)furan-2-ylcarbonyl)morpholine,
- (4) 4-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)propyloxy)-N,N-dimethylbenzo(b)furan-2-carboxamide,
- (12) 1-(4-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-propyloxy)benzo(b)thiophen-2-ylcarbonyl)pyrrolidine,
- (13) 4-(4-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-propyloxy)benzo(b)thiophen-2-ylcarbonyl)morpholine,
- (15) 4-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-1-yl)piperidino)propyloxy)-N,N-dimethylbenzo(b)thiophene-2-carboxamide,
- (17) 4-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)propyloxy)-N,N-dimethylbenzo(b)thiophene-2-carboxamide,
- (20) 4-(7-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-propyloxy)benzo(b)furan-2-ylcarbonyl)morpholine,
- (21) 7-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)propyloxy)-N,N-dimethylbenzo(b)furan-2-carboxamide,
- (27) 4-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)propyloxy)-N,N-dimethyl-1H-indole-2-carboxamide,
- (30) 4-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)propyloxy)-N,N-dimethyl-1-methylindole-2-carboxamide,



- (35) 1-(2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)benzo(b)furan-4-yloxy)-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-2-propanol,  
 (37) 1-(2-(5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)benzo(b)furan-4-yloxy)-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-2-propanol,  
 5 (38) 1-(2-(5-trifluoromethyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)benzo(b)furan-4-yloxy)-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-2-propanol,  
 (39) 1-(2-(5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)benzo(b)furan-7-yloxy)-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-2-propanol,  
 10 (42) 1-(2-(5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)-1H-indole-4-yloxy)-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-2-propanol,  
 (44) 1-(2-(3-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)benzo(b)furan-4-yloxy)-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-2-propanol,  
 (48) 1-(2-(5-methyloxazol-2-yl)benzo(b)furan-7-yloxy)-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-2-propanol,  
 15 (81) 3-(4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)piperidino)-1-(2-(5-methyloxazol-2-yl)benzo(b)furan-4-yloxy)-2-propanol,  
 (88) 1-(4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)piperidino)-3-(2-(5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)benzo(b)furan-4-yloxy)-2-propanol, and  
 20 (93) 3-(4-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)piperidino)-1-(2-(5-ethyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)benzo(b)furan-4-yloxy)-2-propanol,  
 an optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

- 25 6. The compound of claim 1, which is represented by the formula (I)



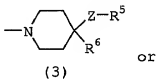
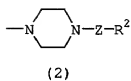
wherein each symbol in the formula means as follows:

a bond represented by a solid line and a dotted line shows a  
 30 double bond or a single bond;

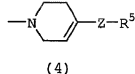
X is a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy

group or an acyloxy group;

R<sup>1</sup> is a group of the following formula



or



wherein

5 R<sup>2</sup> is optionally substituted aryl group or optionally substituted aromatic heterocyclic group,

R<sup>5</sup> is optionally substituted aryl group or optionally substituted aromatic heterocyclic group,

Z is void or -CH<sub>2</sub>-, and

10 R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen atom, hydroxy group or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy group;

R<sup>3</sup> is a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl group or a halogen atom;

R<sup>7</sup> and W are bonded to form a ring of the following formula



15 wherein

E is an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom, and

Q' is an optionally substituted 4 to 7-membered heterocycle having 1 or 2 hetero atom(s) selected from the group consisting of nitrogen atom and oxygen atom in the ring,

and V is hydrogen atom; and

Ra, Rb and Rc are each independently a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl group, a halogen atom, an acyl group, a nitro

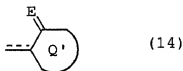
25 group or an amino group;

an optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

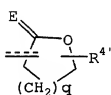
7. The compound of claim 6, which is represented by the 30 formula (I) wherein each symbol in the formula means as

follows:

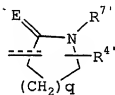
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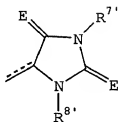
is a group of the following formula



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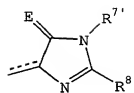


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or



(22)

wherein

E is an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom,

q is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

R<sup>4'</sup>, R<sup>7'</sup> and R<sup>8'</sup> are each independently a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>

alkyl group, an optionally substituted aryl group or

an optionally substituted aralkyl group, and

other symbols are as defined in claim 6,

an optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically

acceptable salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

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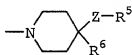
8. The compound of claim 6, which is represented by the formula (I) wherein each symbol in the formula means as follows:

a bond represented by a solid line and a dotted line shows a

double bond;

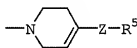
X is a hydroxy group;

R<sup>1</sup> is a group of the following formula



(3)

or



(4)

wherein

R<sup>5</sup> is optionally substituted phenyl group or naphthyl

group,

Z is void, and

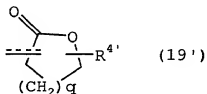
R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen atom;

R<sup>3</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group;

5 a group of the following formula



is a group of the following formula

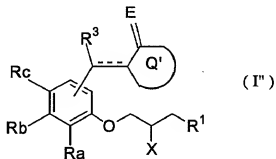


wherein q is 1 and R<sup>4'</sup> is hydrogen atom or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group; and

Ra, Rb and Rc are each a hydrogen atom;

an optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

9. The compound of claim 6, which is represented by the formula (I'')



wherein each symbol is as as defined in claim 6,

an optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically

acceptable salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

10. The compound of claim 6, which is selected from the group consisting of

(306) 5-(2'-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-

- propyloxy)benzylidene)-1,3-dimethylimidazolidine-2,4-dione,  
 (307)  $\alpha$ -(2'-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-  
 propyloxy)benzylidene)- $\gamma$ -butyrolactone,  
 (308)  $\alpha$ -(2'-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-  
 5 propyloxy)benzylidene)- $\gamma$ -butyrolactone,  
 (309)  $\alpha$ -(2'-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-  
 propyloxy)benzylidene)- $\gamma$ -butyrolactone,  
 (310)  $\alpha$ -(2'-(3-(4-(3-fluoro-4-methylphenyl)piperidino)-2-  
 hydroxypropyloxy)benzylidene)- $\gamma$ -butyrolactone,  
 10 (311)  $\alpha$ -(2'-(3-(4-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)piperidino)-2-  
 hydroxypropyloxy)benzylidene)- $\gamma$ -butyrolactone,  
 (312)  $\alpha$ -(2'-(3-(4-(4-chloro-3-fluorophenyl)piperidino)-2-  
 hydroxypropyloxy)benzylidene)- $\gamma$ -butyrolactone,  
 (313)  $\alpha$ -(2'-(3-(4-(4-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-  
 15 piperidino)-2-hydroxypropyloxy)benzylidene)- $\gamma$ -butyrolactone,  
 (314)  $\alpha$ -(2'-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-1-yl)piperidino)-  
 propyloxy)benzylidene)- $\gamma$ -butyrolactone,  
 (315)  $\alpha$ -(2'-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-  
 propyloxy)benzylidene)- $\delta$ -valerolactone,  
 20 (316)  $\alpha$ -(2'-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-  
 propyloxy)benzylidene)- $\gamma$ -valerolactone,  
 (319) 3-(2'-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-  
 propyloxy)benzylidene)-2-pyrrolidone,  
 (322) 3-(2'-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidino)-  
 25 propyloxy)benzylidene)-1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone, and  
 (325)  $\alpha$ -(2'-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-  
 yl)piperidino)propyloxy)benzylidene)- $\gamma$ -butyrolactone,  
 an optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically  
 acceptable salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

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11. A pharmaceutical agent comprising a compound of claim 1, an  
 optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically  
 acceptable salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

12. The pharmaceutical agent of claim 11, which is an agent for the treatment of depression.

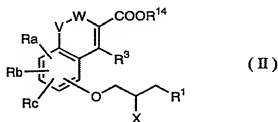
13. A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one member  
5 selected from the group consisting of a compound of claim 1, an optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a hydrate thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

14. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 13, which is an agent for the treatment of depression.

15. A 5HT<sub>1A</sub> antagonist having a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitory action, which comprises a compound of claim 1, an  
15 optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

16. A selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor having a 5HT<sub>1A</sub> antagonistic action, which comprises a compound of claim 1, an  
20 optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

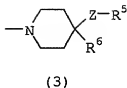
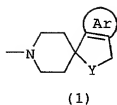
17. A compound of the formula (II)



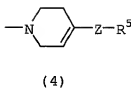
25 wherein each symbol in the formula means as follows:

X is a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy group or an acyloxy group or an oxo group;

R<sup>1</sup> is a group of the following formula



or



wherein

Y is O or S,

Ar is optionally substituted benzene or naphthalene,

R<sup>2</sup> is optionally substituted aryl group or optionally substituted aromatic heterocyclic group,

R<sup>5</sup> is optionally substituted aryl group or optionally substituted aromatic heterocyclic group,

Z is void or -CH<sub>2</sub>-, and

R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen atom, hydroxy group, acetamido group, carboxyl group, alkoxycarbonyl group, cyano group or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy group,

provided that when V is -N(R<sup>4</sup>)-, R<sup>6</sup> should not be hydroxy group;

R<sup>3</sup> is a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl group or a halogen atom;

V is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -S- or the formula -N(R<sup>4</sup>)-

wherein

R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen atom, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl group or optionally substituted aralkyl group;

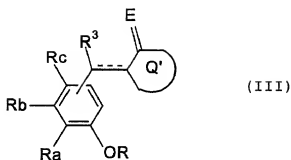
W is void, -CH<sub>2</sub>- or -C(=O)-;

R<sup>14</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl; and

Ra, Rb and Rc are each independently a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl group, a hydroxy group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy group, a halogen atom, an acyl group, a nitro group or an amino group;

an optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

18. A compound of the formula (III)



wherein each symbol is as follows:

R is an allyl group or a 2,3-epoxypropan-1-yl group;  
a bond represented by a solid line and a dotted line shows a

5 double bond or a single bond;

E is an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom;

R<sup>3</sup> is a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl group or a halogen atom;

Q' is an optionally substituted 4 to 7-membered  
10 heterocycle having 1 or 2 hetero atom(s) selected from the group consisting of nitrogen atom and oxygen atom in the ring; and

Ra, Rb and Rc are each independently a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl group, a hydroxy group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy group, a  
15 halogen atom, an acyl group, a nitro group or an amino group;

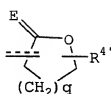
an optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

20 19. The compound of claim 18, wherein, in the formula (III), each symbol is as follows:  
the group of the following formula

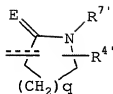


is a group of the following formula

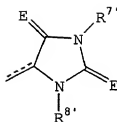




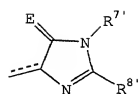
(19)



(20)



(21)



(22)

wherein

E is oxygen atom or sulfur atom,

q is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

5 R<sup>4'</sup>, R<sup>7'</sup> and R<sup>8'</sup> are each independently hydrogen atom, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl group, optionally substituted aryl group or optionally substituted aralkyl group, and

other symbols are as defined in claim 18,

an optically active compound thereof, a pharmaceutically

10 acceptable salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

20. A compound selected from the group consisting of

2-(4-methoxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole,

2-(4-hydroxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole,

15 (S)-2-(4-glycidyloxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole,

2-(7-methoxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole,

2-(4-(methoxymethyloxy)benzo(b) thiophen-2-yl)-5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole,

20 2-(4-hydroxybenzo(b) thiophen-2-yl)-5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole,

4-benzyloxy-2-(5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)-1H-indole,

2-(7-methoxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole,

2-(4-methoxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole,

25 2-(4-hydroxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole,

(S)-2-(4-glycidyloxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole,

2-(7-methoxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-1,3,4-

oxadiazole,  
 2-(7-hydroxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-1,3,4-  
 oxadiazole,  
 (S)-2-(7-glycidyloxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-  
 5 1,3,4-oxadiazole,  
 N'-(4-methoxybenzo(b) furan-2-ylcarbonyl) propionohydrazide,  
 2-(4-methoxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-ethyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole,  
 2-(4-hydroxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-ethyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole,  
 (S)-2-(4-glycidyloxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-ethyl-1,3,4-  
 10 oxadiazole,  
 2-(4-methoxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazole,  
 2-(4-hydroxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazole,  
 (S)-2-(4-glycidyloxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-5-methyl-1,3,4-  
 thiadiazole,  
 15 5-ethoxycarbonyl-2-(4-methoxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-1,3,4-  
 oxadiazole,  
 5-ethoxycarbonyl-2-(4-hydroxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-1,3,4-  
 oxadiazole,  
 5-(4-(methoxymethyloxy) benzo(b) furan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1,3,4-  
 20 oxadiazole-2-thione,  
 5-(4-(methoxymethyloxy) benzo(b) furan-2-yl)-2-methylthio-1,3,4-  
 oxadiazole,  
 5-(4-hydroxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-2-methylthio-1,3,4-oxadiazole,  
 5-(4-(methoxymethyloxy) benzo(b) furan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1,3,4-  
 25 oxadiazol-2-one,  
 5-(4-(methoxymethyloxy) benzo(b) furan-2-yl)-2-methoxy-1,3,4-  
 oxadiazole,  
 (S)-5-(4-glycidyloxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-2-methoxy-1,3,4-  
 oxadiazole,  
 30 2-ethoxy-5-(4-(methoxymethyloxy) benzo(b) furan-2-yl)-1,3,4-  
 oxadiazole,  
 (S)-2-ethoxy-5-(4-glycidyloxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-1,3,4-  
 oxadiazole,  
 2-(1-methylethyloxy)-5-(4-(methoxymethyloxy) benzo(b) furan-2-

yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole and

(S)-2-(1-methylethyloxy)-5-(4-glycidyloxybenzo(b) furan-2-yl)-  
1,3,4-oxadiazole.

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